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Chester Port Health Authority.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the Chester Port Health Authority.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my **Annual Report for 1960.**

BOARD.

The composition of your Board and the extent of its jurisdiction are the same as previous years.

INSPECTION.

The usual systematic inspection of both Foreign and Coastwise Vessels has been carried out with regard to Sickness, Water Supply, Ventilation, Sanitary conditions of the Crews' quarters, and the presence of Rats. No cases of serious illness were detected, and no cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year.

A few minor defects were found on inspection in certain of the Coastwise Vessels, to which the attention of the Master was drawn with subsequent improvement.

This Report is compiled in accordance with instructions received from this Ministry of Health.

Yours faithfully,

J. LLEWELLYN JONES

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

HAWARDEN,

March 31st, 1961.

Section I.—Staff.

J. LLEWELLYN JONES, M.B.,Ch.B.,D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health. Appointed 14th January, 1931.
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THOMAS COPPACK, Sanitary Inspector. Appointed 1st October, 1938.

Section II.—Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year:

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Vessels reported as having or having had during voyage Infect. Disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector	
Foreign Ports	102	54145	34	87	Nil
Irish Republic (in ballast)	9				Nil
Coastwise (in ballast or with cargo) ..	73	9837	7	9	Nil
Total Foreign and Coastwise... ..	184	63982	41	96	Nil

Section III.—Character of Shipping and Trade during the year:

Passenger Traffic—Nil.

Cargo Traffic—Principal Imports: Wood Pulp, Pig Iron, Timber, Potash, Scrap Iron, Potatoes, Fertilizer, Esparto.

Principal Exports: Coal, Steel Sheets, Residuals, Machinery, Bricks, Tiles, Sanitary Ware, Slag, Phosphate, Foamslag.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive are: Hamburg, Bremen, Gefle, Skogall, Bone, Kolka Karlstad, Domsjo, Soussee, Sundsval, Uddevalla, Rysekil, Oslo, Svaritik, Antwerp, Soderlage, Lulea, Barcelona, Homfleur, Bayonne.

Section IV.—Inland Barge Traffic: Nil.

Section V.—Water Supply. Source of Supply: Holywell R.D.C., Connah's Quay U.D.C., and Messrs. John Summers & Sons.

Precautions were taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

There are no Water Boats in the area of this Authority.

Section VI.—No change.

Section VII.—Smallpox: Cases of Smallpox from the Port of Chester will be treated at the Isolation Hospital, New Ferry, Cheshire.

Ambulance: Cases of Smallpox will be transferred to hospital by the Cheshire County

Ambulance Service. Steps will be taken to ensure that the ambulance crews have been recently vaccinated.

Names of Consultants Available: Dr. Semple, Deputy M.O.H., City of Liverpool; Dr. E. R. Pierce, Senior Assistant Port Medical Officer.

Facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox: Prof. Downie, Liverpool School of Hygiene.

Section VIII.—Venereal Diseases: Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Diseases amongst Merchant Seamen would be carried out at Chester Royal Infirmary.

Section IX.—No cases of Notifiable or other Infectious Diseases occurred on any of the ships entering the Port during the year.

Section X.—No cases of Malaria occurred on board any of the ships entering the Port during the year.

Section XI.—No ship entered the Port with suspected Plague on board.

Section XII.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that three Rats were found on one coastwise ship only. On foreign ships—nil.

Section XIII.—During the year the Sanitary Inspector examined 96 ships for nuisances. 18 were found to have minor sanitary defects and these were remedied after they had been brought to the attention of the Master.

No Statutory Notices were served during the year.

Section XIV.—No change.

Section XV.—No change. (Medical Inspection of Aliens).

Section XVI.—No change.